

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TULSA, OKLAHOMA,**

scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 4:00 P.M. in Room 411, One Technology Center, 175 E. 2nd St., Fourth Floor, Tulsa, OK, to transact all business as set out in Notice and Agenda posted in the Office of City Clerk, One Technology Center, 175 E. 2nd St., Room 260, Tulsa, OK on Friday, October 20, 2023, at 4:07 P.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Patrick called the meeting to order at 4:33 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

Hall-Harper	Present	Bengel	Present
Cue	Present	Decter Wright	Present
Patrick	Present	Lakin	Present
Bellis	Present	Fowler	Present
Miller	Present		
	Present:	9	
	Absent:	0	

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jack Blair, City Attorney  
Sarah Davis, Council Administrator  
Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council

2. Pre-meeting discussion of updates, anticipated activities and processes to be followed on items listed on the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for this evening at 5:00 P.M. as posted with the City Clerk, including but not limited to new back-up materials, requested changes in the agenda order and other possible changes or additions (other than discussion, no action will be taken).

Discussion ensued.

3. Weekly update from the Council Administrator, or her designee, on Council Office administration, staffing, schedules, and events. Other than discussion, no action will be taken.

Council Administrator Sarah Davis discussed Benefits enrollment, technology updates and the recent event with the Tulsa Global Alliance.

Councilor Fowler left the meeting at 4:46 P.M.

4. Discussion with the City Attorney and possible vote to approve the proposed City Council 2024 Charter Amendment Schedule. [CC 10/25/23] 23-870-1

Jack Blair, City Attorney, spoke. Discussion ensued.

Councilor Lakin moved to approve the proposed City Council 2024 Charter Amendment Schedule. Councilor Decter Wright seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL:**

Hall-Harper	Yea	Bengel	Yea
Cue	Yea	Decter Wright	Yea
Patrick	Yea	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Fowler	Absent
Miller	Yea		

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Yeas: 8      Nays: 0      Absent: 1      Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Councilor Fowler returned at 4:52 P.M.

5. Discussion with the City Attorney and Council Administrator on the proposed plan and timeline to evaluate and suggest revisions to the City of Tulsa Ethics Ordinance. (Decter Wright, Lakin) [CC 10/25/23] 23-907-1

Councilor Decter Wright and Councilor Lakin spoke. Discussion ensued.

Jack Blair, City Attorney, recommended that, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4), Council enter Executive Session to discuss the request of former Tulsa Police Officer Ian Chambers and former Tulsa Police Officer Rodney Russo for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 23-CV-257, Paul Tubbs v. City of Tulsa et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma., as the public disclosure of any confidential discussion regarding this item will seriously impair the ability of the City to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. An Executive Session to discuss this item will preserve the attorney-client privilege.

Items 6 and 8 were read and voted on together.

6. Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) to discuss the request of former Tulsa Police Officer Ian Chambers for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 23-CV-257, Paul Tubbs v. City of Tulsa et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 10/25/23] 23-867-1
8. Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) to discuss the request of former Tulsa Police Officer Rodney Russo for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 23-CV-257, Paul Tubbs v. City of Tulsa et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 10/25/23] 23-868-1

Councilor Lakin moved to enter Executive Session on items 6 and 8. Councilor Decter Wright seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL:**

Hall-Harper	Yea	Bengel	Yea
Cue	Yea	Decter Wright	Yea
Patrick	Yea	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Fowler	Yea
Miller	Yea		

Yeas: 9      Nays: 0      Absent: 0      Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Council entered Executive Session at 4:56 P.M.

Guests exited the meeting at this time. City Attorney Jack Blair, Nick Williams, Assistant City Attorney, and Council Staff members Sarah Davis and Lori Doring were formally invited to remain for the Executive Session.

Nick Williams, Assistant City Attorney, addressed the Council regarding the case.

Discussion ensued. No action taken in Executive Session.

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Items 7 and 9 were read and voted on together.

7. Exit the Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on the request of former Tulsa Police Officer Ian Chambers for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 23-CV-257, Paul Tubbs v. City of Tulsa et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 10/25/23] 23-867-2
9. Exit the Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on the request of former Tulsa Police Officer Rodney Russo for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 23-CV-257, Paul Tubbs v. City of Tulsa et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 10/25/23] 23-868-2

Without objection, Council exited Executive Session at 5:02 P.M.

Councilor Decter Wright moved to approve the request of former Tulsa Police Officer Ian Chambers and former Tulsa Police Officer Rodney Russo for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 23-CV-257, Paul Tubbs v. City of Tulsa et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. Councilor Lakin seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL:**

Hall-Harper	Yea	Bengel	Yea
Cue	Yea	Decter Wright	Yea
Patrick	Yea	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Fowler	Yea
Miller	Yea		

Yeas: 9      Nays: 0      Absent: 0      Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

10. Adjournment.

Chair Patrick adjourned the meeting at 5:02 P.M.

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Crista Patrick, Chair of the Council

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Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council